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MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report

I. Implementation of recently proposed plans and policies.

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1. [] assumed his duties as Chief, FBIB, on 29 September 1947.

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3. With the abandonment of plans for construction at [] [] preparations have been made to dispatch a survey team to Okinawa to select possible sites for a monitoring station and to make a preliminary determination of probable construction costs.

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[] Tests of its technical suitability and investigation of terms of availability are being conducted. It is recommended that the linguist and editorial staff of this operation be retained at headquarters for the duration of the housing shortage.

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6. The Civil Service Commission has now allocated many of the departmental positions proposed for FBIB, and it is expected that the entire table of organization can be implemented during the coming month. It is also expected that the coming month will complete security clearance for all departmental and some field employees.

II. Accomplishment of overall mission, including firmly established individual objectives.

1. In compensation for the delay in establishing a permanent monitoring station in the Far East, stop-gap monitoring at [] [] of broadcasts unmonitored on [] or West Coast because of poor reception or lack of suitable linguists has been

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extended. [] Bureau, in addition to selective filing of Radio [] news releases, now covers broadcasts in Korean (from Pyongyang and Moscow), Mandarin (from Moscow), Tonkinese (from Saigon), Malayan (from Republican Indonesia and Singapore), Japanese (from Nanking) and Dutch (from Batavia). Some two thirds of its 10,000 word daily teletype file are devoted to this monitored material. Arrangements have been made to increase its coverage range beginning in October by utilizing the [] ing station at [] and telephone circuits to []. Except for the editorial operation, most of this coverage is without cost to FBIB, personnel and facilities being supplied by SCAP and Signal Corps.

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2. Delays in the establishment of a Far East station have also occasioned a recommendation to increase the [] table of organization by four positions, and to improve the technical equipment at this post.

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3. Material intercepted and processed by the [] Bureau but not cabled to Washington because of high communications rates is now being reproduced at [] along with cabled material, in a daily publication, some fifty copies of which are distributed directly to American and [] officials in the Near East. A study is being made of the cost of this operation in relation to its value to local and Washington users.

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4. During most of August the American Embassy in Moscow was furnished a daily roundup of USSR radio intercepts via Signal Corps circuits from London. The service was discontinued upon discovery that Signal Corps was diverting the traffic to commercial carriers and charging FBIB for it.

5. In addition to the weekly Soviet radio survey and other propaganda studies, Special Reports were prepared during the month containing factual material from radio broadcasts concerning "Inflation in Latin America", "Soviet Transportation System" and "Communist Tactics in France and Italy".

III. Personnel Report for Month ending 20 September 1947.

1. Departmental Employees
 2. Field Employees
 3. New Appointments
 4. Separations
 5. Names and entrance on duty dates of new employees:
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